

Torrance, California
March 24, 1953

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, March 24, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Blount led the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 1953, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place to receive bids for a tractor for the Water Department. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger opened and read the following bids:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Southwest Tractor Sales	\$ 3,771.50
Electric Tool & Supply Company	4,310.55
Harron, Rickard & McCone Company	5,078.83

Councilman Drale moved the bid of the Southwest Tractor Sales be recorded as low bid and turned over to the City Manager for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Office of the Commanding General of the Fortieth Infantry Division requesting an additional three years on the lease of property in Torrance for the construction of a National Guard Armory.

Councilman Benstead requested City Manager Stevens to give his opinion on this lease. City Manager Stevens said he thought the option should be extended for the period of time the Legislature is in session, however, he did not think a blanket extension of three years should be granted. He recommended the lease be extended for the duration of the Legislature and if they authorize funds to construct this armory that the lease be extended for a period of time which is required to construct this armory.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the City to supply power and future maintenance for a neon sign they are erecting at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue to direct traffic to the Torrance Civic Center and downtown business district.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request of the Chamber of Commerce. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Torrance Sand and Gravel Products explaining the proposed safety precautions they are taking in the operation of their business.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter from City Engineer Bishop reporting on complaints against the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company, and advising he is preparing a letter to this company asking for as complete a commitment as possible as to their plans and schedule.

Councilman Drale moved the recommendation of the Planning Commission when they gave this Variance be included in the letter the City Engineer is preparing to the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company.

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Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab stated he and Mr. Stevens had made several visits to this company and that if they will do what they have agreed to do the conditions will steadily improve.

Letter from the Elm Avenue Committee requesting permission for the construction of concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Elm Avenue and a portion of Monterey Street; construction to be done under the same system as other areas within the City of Torrance whereby the property owners in this area will place the estimated amount of monies in escrow for payment to the contractor after the work is completed. They requested the City Engineer's office be granted authority to do the engineering and that the City Street Department do the necessary grading and paving to improve these streets.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the request of the Elm Avenue Committee. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation from Chief of Police Stroh for approval of business license application of Joseph D. Burns for a billiard hall to be located at 1617-1619 Cabrillo Avenue, with the understanding Mr. Burns will allow no card playing or gambling of any type, and that he post "No Minors" in his place of business.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Chief Stroh in granting this business license. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Recommendation from Chief of Police Stroh for approval of business license application of Mrs. Tom Merino to engage in the business of palmistry at 1313 Cabrillo Street.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Chief Stroh in granting this business license. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter from J. J. Benner, Fire Chief, requesting Ordinance No. 456, as amended by Ordinance No. 516, be repealed.

Councilman Spelman moved this letter be referred to the next Agenda meeting for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Letter from Mrs. Edith C. Ingham requesting refund on unused portion of her boarding house business license.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated the refund would be in the amount of \$18.00 and recommended this amount be refunded to Mrs. Ingham.

Councilman Drale moved that \$18.00 be refunded to Mrs. Ingham on the unused portion of her boarding house business license. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission transmitting for approval proposed amendment No. 237 to the Master Plan of Highways of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning District.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission for approval of proposed amendment No. 237 to the Master Plan of Highways. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Petition, signed one hundred per cent by residents on Ermanita Avenue and 166th Street, opposing the proposed open storm drain to be built from Patronella Avenue to Cerise Avenue to 166th Street.

Councilman Benstead moved the Mayor set a date for a hearing regarding this open storm drain. Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. After a general discussion of this problem Councilman Benstead withdrew his original motion and moved that these petitioners meet with the City Engineer and report their findings and recommendations to the City Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab requested City Manager Stevens to arrange the time and place for this meeting.

Letter from the Seaside Homeowner's Association enclosing check in the amount of \$47.67 being money not used for the Christmas party of this Association.

Councilman Spelman moved a letter of thanks, signed by the Mayor, be sent to this Association and that the check be deposited with the City Treasurer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Letter from Torrance Council of Churches requesting the presence of the City Council at services to be held on Good Friday and requesting the City offices be closed during this service.

City Manager Stevens stated it has been an accepted practice for years to close the City offices on Good Friday from 12 noon to 3 o'clock to allow City employees the opportunity of attending church services if they so desire.

Councilman Blount moved this practice be continued. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Letter from Louis Sterk requesting permission to build a temporary guest house at Block 2, Lot 23, Meadow Park Tract.

Councilman Spelman moved this letter be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Application from Neo-Glo Sign Company for an electrical Contractor business license, enclosing their check in the amount of \$34.50.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated their check was short \$8.67 and that this was an ordinary transaction usually sent to the City Clerk's office and the License Department.

Councilman Spelman moved this application and check be referred to the City Clerk's office for disposition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Charlton A. Mewborn requesting his client, Larry Benton, be reimbursed in the amount of \$5,000 for two lots located in Hollywood Riviera, on Via Chico, Torrance.

Councilman Spelman moved this letter be referred to the City Attorney's office for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Letter from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick requesting Tract Map 17197, consisting of 72 lots located at the northeasterly corner of Arlington Avenue and 178th Street, presented by Louis Laramore, which was approved by the City Council on February 24, 1953, be re-approved under Section 11587a of the Subdivision Map Act.

City Attorney Hall stated he did not think there was any choice in the matter of passing this Tract map as it stands. There is a controversy with Moneta Water Company as to who will supply this subdivision. City Attorney Hall recommended this Tract map be approved, with the exceptions, and then let the attorneys work out a solution. He stated Mr. John McCall will meet with the Council at the next Agenda meeting.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall in approving Tract Map 17197. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from J. S. Dresser, City Building Inspector, requesting conditions described in Notices addressed to E. B. Kenney, Melvin D. Hermansen, and Carl H. Quandt, c/o Alice Thomas, be declared a nuisance and that these nuisances be ordered abated.

Councilman Drale moved these public nuisances be abated and the necessary action be taken by the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Marjorie P. Lee be appointed in the first step to serve her probationary period as Typist Clerk in the City Clerk's office, effective March 9, 1953.

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2. That Joe Lopez be appointed in the first step to serve his probationary period as Laborer in the Street Department, effective March 16, 1953.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under items one and two of Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company, for engineering services during the month of February, 1953, the sum of \$400.00

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Draile, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs, in accordance with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission:

1. STOP Signs:

- (a) Two-way STOP on Newton Street at Tandem Way.
- (b) One-way STOP on Via la Selva at Calle Miramar.
- (c) One-way STOP on Calle de Aragon at Calle Miramar.
- (d) One-way STOP on Via Sevilla at Calle Miramar.

Councilman Draile moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Traffic Control. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Recess was declared by the Mayor at 8:50 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

City Manager Stevens stated Mr. McVicar, Superintendent of the Water Department, had studied the bids submitted for the tractor and recommended the contract be awarded to the Southwest Tractor Sales, and that all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. McVicar. Motion, seconded by Councilman Draile, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal Form submitted by City Engineer Bishop for approval of subdivision of Tract 16607, consisting of 69 lots to be developed by Milton Kauffman Construction Company, on the north side of 182nd Street, south of Edison substation, 792 feet east of Yukon Avenue.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop and the Planning Commission for the approval of Tract 16607. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from City Engineer Bishop recommending approval of vacation of a portion of alley in Tract No. 15139.

Councilman Draile moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending Case No. 253, petition of Lyle Tussing for a Variance and Conditional Permit for a Variance and Conditional Permit for the establishment, operation and maintenance of multiple residential units on property located at the southeast corner of Yukon Avenue and 171st Street, legally described as Lot 35 of the La Fresa Tract, be denied.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission in denying Case No. 253.

Dr. Lyle Tussing requested the City Council to refer this matter back to the Planning Commission since he did not have an opportunity to present evidence showing hardship.

Mr. Beverly B. Smith, President of the Planning Commission, also requested this matter be referred back to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Spelman withdrew his previous motion and moved that Case No. 253 be referred back to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 256, petition of J. E. Miller for a Variance and Conditional Permit to construct a building at 2524 Torrance Boulevard for the purpose of occupancy for C-1 (Retail Commercial) uses, subject to the following provisions:

1. That a twenty-foot (20') alley way be left between the existing and proposed commercial buildings.
2. That the old apartment structure on the rear of the property be removed, leaving the same parking area as behind the existing building.
3. That the Date Avenue side be improved by planters.
4. That a six-foot (6') chain-link fence be constructed along Date Avenue and the rear of the property.
5. That a steel reinforced, concrete, retaining wall be constructed along the excavated side of Date Avenue and the rear of the property.
6. That the proposed parking lot be black-topped the same as the existing parking lot.
7. That proper drainage be provided.

City Manager Stevens stated he had a sketch that complies with the restrictions, exhibit "A", and that he also had a second sketch, exhibit "B", a counter proposal, a proposed map of the handling of the Variance.

Mr. Dick Miller explained exhibit "B" was discussed with Mrs. F. J. Stock, who is the immediate neighbor to the south, that this proposal cuts down his revenue but the Home Loan Realty would like to take over this corner so if possible they would like to leave the residence there. He stated the existing building will be improved and put in a very good condition.

Mrs. F. J. Stock stated she would like to have the Council consider the second proposal, exhibit "B", because if they did not their house would be in a very dangerous place, right on a nine foot precipice. She stated all the people on Date Avenue have considerable money invested and would like to protect their investments. Mrs. Stock favored the second proposal, exhibit "B", rather than have all the dirt taken out.

Mr. Van Dyke of Date Avenue said he had a petition, signed by thirteen residents in the immediate vicinity, protesting this Variance, however, this was signed before the second proposal came up. He requested that Mr. Miller put in writing what type of beautification would be put on Date Avenue and what kind of a set-back there would be.

Mr. Jack Long of Date Avenue stated this petition was signed before exhibit "B" was in existence and their protests were against exhibit "A" as recommended by the Planning Commission, as they felt it would be creating a very hazardous condition. He asked that the existing apartment be brought up to standard specifications, and stated he thought a red brick fence would be more desirable than a link fence.

Mr. Beverly Smith, President of the Planning Commission, thought the Planning Commission would approve the plan under exhibit "B".

Mr. Jacob Turpel of Date Avenue said he would agree with Mrs. Stock on exhibit "B" if Mr. Miller would put in writing that there would never be a driveway from Date Avenue into the parking lot.

After a lengthy discussion Mayor Schwab declared a four minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

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City Attorney Hall suggested the City Council act on the following motion: That Case No. 256 be approved, subject to the following provisions:

1. That a twenty-foot (20') alley way be left between the existing and proposed commercial buildings.
2. That the Date Avenue side be improved by planters.
3. That a six-foot (6') brick fence be constructed along Date Avenue and the rear of the property.
4. That a steel reinforced, concrete, retaining wall be constructed along the excavated side of Date Avenue and the rear of the property.
5. That the proposed parking lot be black-topped the same as the existing parking lot.
6. That the existing residence be improved and landscaped.
7. That proper drainage be provided.
8. That there be no driveway from the parking lot onto Date Avenue.

City Attorney Hall also thought the Council should accept the plan identified as exhibit "B" in lieu of exhibit "A" which was presented to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall in Case No. 256. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 257, petition of Oliver J. Minniear, Trustee of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance, for a Variance and Conditional Permit to allow the relocation building program for the First Lutheran Church of Torrance at 2904 Carson Street, being the southwest corner of Carson Street and Flower Avenue, subject to the special conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of Case No. 257, subject to the special conditions set forth by the Planning Commission in this Case. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2376

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM J. SHERWOOD DRESSER AND LURA H. DRESSER.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2376. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2377

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE FIRST ALLEY LYING NORTH OF NEWTON STREET AND EXTENDING WEST FROM WINLOCK DRIVE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2377 and that April 14, 1953, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Torrance, be the date and place set for the hearing of this intention to vacate. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 630

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAKING ITS EMPLOYEES MEMBERS OF SAID SYSTEM.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 630 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 631

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 437

After a lengthy discussion of this Ordinance Councilman Drale moved this ordinance be tabled for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 631.

City Attorney Hall advised the Council it takes a four-fifths vote to pass an emergency Ordinance.

Motion declared lost for lack of a second.

ORDINANCE NO. 632

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 255.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 632 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 634

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612 TO PERMIT CERTAIN HOME BUSINESSES TO BE CONDUCTED IN R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENT, DISTRICTS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 634. Motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. ROLL CALL: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Blount stated he did not have a copy of the Ordinance and wanted to study it before he voted on it.

Mr. Beverly Smith, President of the Planning Commission, said he instructed the secretary of the Planning Commission to schedule a meeting with "you gentlemen" in regard to this Ordinance. He stated he did not know this Ordinance was coming up tonight and thought the Council and the Planning Commission should meet regarding this, that it was not the idea of the Planning Commission to run the small businesses out.

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Councilman Drale stated he had no objections to the suggestion of Mr. Smith but the restrictions were set-up in the Ordinance. The Ordinance is not an emergency Ordinance so it will take two readings. He advised Mr. Smith the Planning Commission recommended that no home business licenses be issued and when existing business licenses expired they would not be renewed.

Mr. Smith stated the Planning Commission did not mean that.

Roll call was resumed on Councilman Drale's motion to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 634. Motion was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman, and Schwab.

Councilman Blount requested the Mayor set a time and place to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss this matter.

Councilman Drale inquired what was going to be done with the people in the small businesses. Mayor Schwab advised him they would be protected.

Councilman Drale moved all people in business may continue in business. Motion declared lost for lack of a second. He said the License Inspector has held up issuance of licenses because of the Planning Commission letter that was addressed to the City Council requesting the License Division be instructed to deny the issuance of all new business licenses in R-1 residential zones.

Mr. Smith did not think the letter meant that. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger remembered the letter very distinctly and it stated that all such existing business licenses now in force be permitted to continue until their expiration date.

Councilman Drale moved that the home businesses be permitted to continue their businesses until such time as they are denied. Motion declared lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Spelman moved that these businesses be protected for a two week period until this matter is settled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Benstead moved that all city employees be paid for the seven legal holidays. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved that steps be initiated to set-up a three-step plan for the employees of the City of Torrance, starting July 1, 1953. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens advised there are two proposed legislative bills which are imminent that affect the City to the greatest extent. S.B. 1100 Municipal Courts - it is estimated that it will cost the cities an additional seven million dollars revenues to run the courts. The League of California Cities is asking us to help defeat this bill which proposes to take the first monies that come into the municipal courts and pay all expenses, and then to give the cities their portion of what is left; already under the system we are spending more money and taking in less. Mr. Stevens asked, if the Council is opposed to this Bill, that he be authorized to send a telegram to Senator Tenney tomorrow as we have to have immediate action.

Councilman Drale thought Mr. Thomas should also have a telegram.

Councilman Benstead moved that City Manager Stevens be instructed to send the necessary telegrams protesting S.B. 1100. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens explained that S.B. 1344 is a controversial bill which will probably pass in some form; it places a one cent sales tax in the counties and cities, and is uniform throughout the State. It proposes that within the cities, the cities receive three-fourths of one cent, and the county receive one-fourth; and in the unincorporated areas the county would receive the full cent. The cities are divided on this matter and the League of California Cities has not felt they can take a stand.

Councilman Blount moved the City Manager be instructed to send the necessary wires opposing this Bill in its entirety. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale and Spelman.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Manager Stevens stated he had received the following reply to his letter addressed to the Division of Highways requesting the status of traffic control measures at the following intersections:

"Roberts Road and Pacific Coast Highway.

As discussed with you in the past, plans are now being prepared for improvement by placing a median in Pacific Coast Highway in the Torrance area and provide protected left-turn lanes at this intersection. It is anticipated that this work will be financed in the near future.

Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue.

A full report on this intersection has been submitted to our Headquarters office. It is believed that favorable reply will be received within the next two or three weeks.

Torrance Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue.

No recent investigations have been made at this location. We are scheduling a full investigation for this intersection to determine whether or not improvements are warranted at this time in view of the probable improvement on Hawthorne Avenue itself."

Councilman Spelman said he thought progress was being made and requested additional information as to what type of traffic control measures would be used at Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue.

City Attorney Hall stated he had inspected damages to the property of several Seaside Ranchos residents and recommended that final inspection be held up on the three houses being constructed by Truman Browne until we find out what Mr. Browne's plans are to correct the situation.

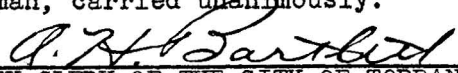
Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Schoonover inquired what was going to be done about the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company. Councilman Blount informed Mr. Schoonover he would give him a copy of this company's letter explaining what they propose to do. Mr. Schoonover asked that the "No Dumping" sign be placed in a more conspicuous place.

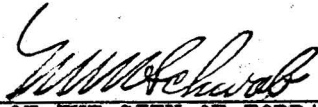
Councilman Benstead requested this "No Dumping" sign be placed in a more conspicuous place.

There being no further business Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:15 p.m., Councilman Blount moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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